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Yuri Nosenko is the alleged KGB (Committee of State Security) official who defected to the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) in Geneva, Switzerland, 2-4-64. He had previously cooperated with CIA while still in place after walking into the CIA station in Switzerland.

Almost from the inception of Nosenko's defection, CIA expressed doubts concerning his bona fides. Certain elements of British intelligence concurred with this conclusion. Since his defection, CIA has been intensively interviewing him to develop his story, seeking to develop enough evidence to prove that he is part of a master deception plan conceived by the KGB in Moscow. The Bureau has been furnished with various papers from the Nosenko interviews and various analyses of Nosenko's story.

Bureau representatives have previously met with CIA representatives concerning their conclusions and we have always maintained an open mind in regard to the bona fides of Nosenko and the other defectors who are suspected of being a part of the alleged master deception plan.

We have now received from CIA an invitation to meet with them again to discuss in greater detail the legitimacy of Nosenko's defection and the courses of action that may be taken. It is evident from the CIA request that they have definitely concluded that Nosenko is a KGB provocation. It would be important to our counterintelligence operations to meet with them and hear the evidence upon which this conclusion is based and to ascertain if it has any important bearing on our own operations.

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